

What is claimed is:

1. In a disk cartridge comprising:

an outer shell having a first shell, second shell, and an opening portion through which a disk table of a disk drive apparatus is inserted;

an inner shell supported to slidably rotate in an inside of the outer shell;

shutter members supported to slidably rotate at the inner shell; and

a disk-shaped recording medium rotatably housed in a housing space formed between the inner shell and the first shell of the outer shell, wherein slidable rotation of the inner shell to the outer shell causes slidable rotation of the shutter members to open or close the opening portion of the outer shell, and the disk cartridge is inserted into an insertion opening of the disk drive apparatus so that the disk-shaped recording medium is mounted on the disk table to be used; wherein said disk cartridge further comprising;

an discrimination groove formed on the outer shell and opened to an insertion direction side to the insertion opening of the disk drive apparatus for performing discrimination from another type of the disk cartridge.

2. The disk cartridge as cited in Claim 1, wherein:

an interior surface in an opposite direction to the insertion direction of the discrimination groove on the outer shell is formed as a positional reference surface for performing positioning in the insertion direction.

3. The disk cartridge as cited in Claim 1, wherein:

each of the first shell and the second shell includes a principal surface portion positioned to be opposed to the disk-shaped recording medium, and a peripheral surface portion formed on a peripheral edge of the principal surface portion; and

the discrimination groove is formed without penetrating between the principal surface portion of the first shell and the principal surface portion of the second shell.

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4. The disk cartridge as cited in Claim 1, wherein:
a reference area to be a reference of the positioning of the disk cartridge to the disk drive apparatus when the disk cartridge is inserted into the inside of the disk drive apparatus is formed on the outer shell; and

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the discrimination groove is formed in the neighborhood of the reference area.

5. The disk cartridge as cited in Claim 1, wherein:
only one discrimination groove is formed as the discrimination groove.

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